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Senator Bettencourt Says It's Time for Conservative Solutions for Texas Challenges

Senator Nelson files SB 1, the Senate's base budget

AUSTIN – Senator Paul Bettencourt (R-Houston) issued the following statement about Senate Bill 1, the Senate's base budget filed today by Senator Jane Nelson (R-Flower Mound), Chair of the Senate Finance Committee during the 84th Legislative Session:

"Senator Jane Nelson's hard, tireless work over the interim to come up with a base budget plan is evident today in Senate Bill 1, which allocates \$103.6 billion out of an available \$104.9 billion for the next biennium."

This budget includes:

- 4 percent savings in agency budgets
- Increased education allotments, including new student growth of 80,000
- Allocation of funds to address the critical needs of Child Protective Services
- Maintains current border presence

"I look forward to working on these priorities," Senator Bettencourt said. "Senate Bill 1 will be the second consecutive budget in a row. Last session's budget was also conservative and less than inflation and population growth for general and general dedicated funds. This was a great advantage leading to the economic slowdown that we are experiencing now."

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